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Title: Need to give proper pay-scale to the technical employees of Indian Railways.

SHRI PRABODH PANDA (MIDNAPORE): Sir, thank you for giving me the opportunity. I rise to focus on a specific problem concerning the Indian Railways. ...(*Interruptions*)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: All sides will get the attention of the Chair provided you keep peace here.

SHRI PRABODH PANDA : Sir, The technical employees in the Indian Railways are around eleven lakhs in number. There are non-technical employees also. But so far as the technical employees are concerned, they are being deprived of getting proper scale. For the non-technical employees, the qualification at the initial point is passing of Secondary School examination and the pay scale starts at Rs. 3,000-4,590 and it may be upgraded to the scale of Rs. 7,450-11,500. But in the case of technical employees, though it starts at Rs. 3,000-4,590 scale, it goes up to the scale of Rs. 5,000-8,000 only. ...(*Interruptions*) Sir, I would like to add one sentence here. This problem has been forwarded to the hon. Railway Minister and it was also under the consideration of the Group of Ministers.

I would like to draw the attention of the hon. Minister to this problem and request him to solve it. It is the problem concerning the technical employees of the Indian Railways. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Shri Subodh Roy has also given notice on this. I allow him to associate with Shri Prabodh Panda.

SHRI SUBODH ROY (BHAGALPUR): No, sir. My subject is different. Please allow me.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Yes; you may raise your point.